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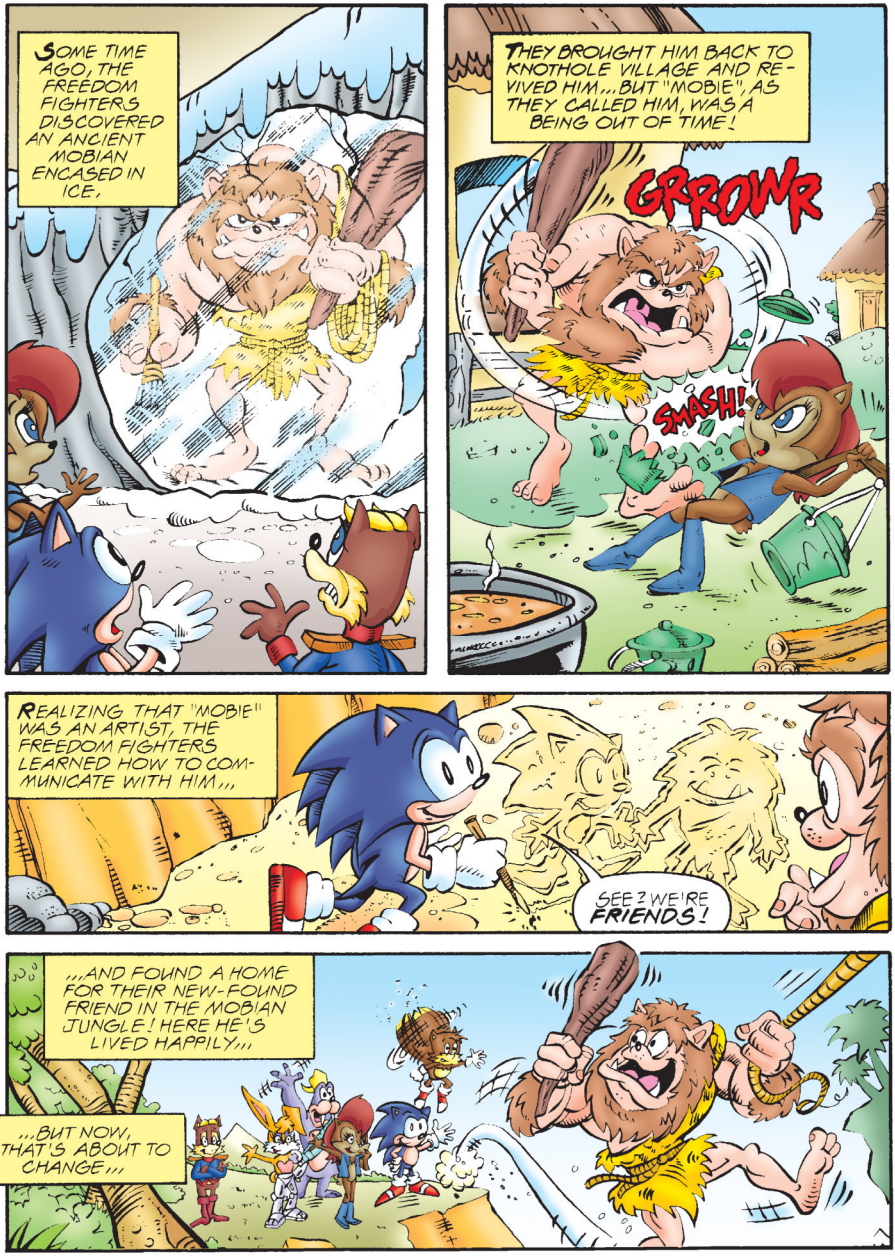
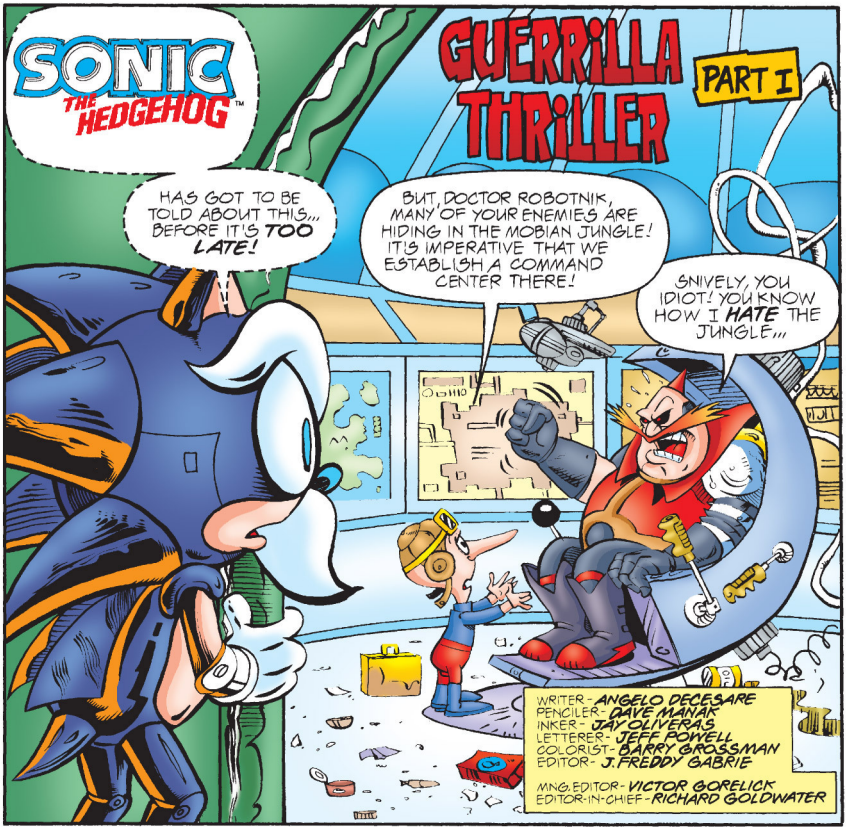

SOME TIME AGO, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DISCOVERED AN ANCIENT MOBIAN ENCASED IN ICE.
THEY BROUGHT HIM BACK TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AND REVIVED HIM... BUT "MOBIE", AS THEY CALLED HIM, WAS A BEING OUT OF TIME!
GRROWR
SMASH!
REALIZING THAT "MOBIE" WAS AN ARTIST, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS LEARNED HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM...
SEE? WE'RE FRIENDS!
...AND FOUND A HOME FOR THEIR NEW-FOUND FRIEND IN THE MOBIAN JUNGLE! HERE HE'S LIVED HAPPILY...
...BUT NOW, THAT'S ABOUT TO CHANGE...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PART I
HAS GOT TO BE TOLD ABOUT THIS,,, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
BUT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, MANY OF YOUR ENEMIES ARE HIDING IN THE MOBIAN JUNGLE! IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE ESTABLISH A COMMAND CENTER THERE!
SNIVELY, YOU IDIOT! YOU KNOW HOW I HATE THE JUNGLE,,,
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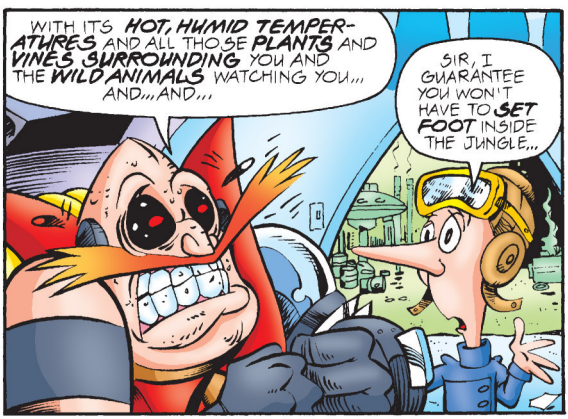
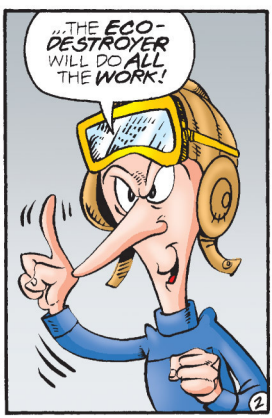

WITH ITS HOT, HUMID TEMPERATURES AND ALL THOSE PLANTS AND VINES SURROUNDING YOU AND THE WILD ANIMALS WATCHING YOU,,, AND,,, AND,,,
SIR, I GUARANTEE YOU WON'T HAVE TO SET FOOT INSIDE THE JUNGLE,,,


,,,THE ECO-DESTROYER WILL DO ALL THE WORK!
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SOON, IN KNOTHOLE...
...ROBOTNIK HAS A PSYCHOLOGICAL FEAR OF THE JUNGLE, BUT SNIVELY HAS PROMISED TO CONQUER IT FOR HIM! WE'VE GOT TO WARN MOBIE AND THE OTHER JUNGLE INHABITANTS!
YOU HEARD UNCLE CHUCK, EVERYONE...
SPLIT UP INTO TEAMS OF TWO AND GET THE JUNGLE DWELLERS TO MOVE DEEPER INTO THE JUNGLE...
...WHILE I TRY TO THINK OF A WAY TO STOP THE ECO-DESTROYER!
IF YOU DON'T MIND, ROTOR, I'LL RACE AHEAD OF YOU!
JUST FOLLOW THE PATH I MAKE WITH MY SPEED!
DON'T RUN TOO FAST, SONIC! YOU'LL START A JUNGLE FIRE!
ZIP!
BANG
V-ZOOM!
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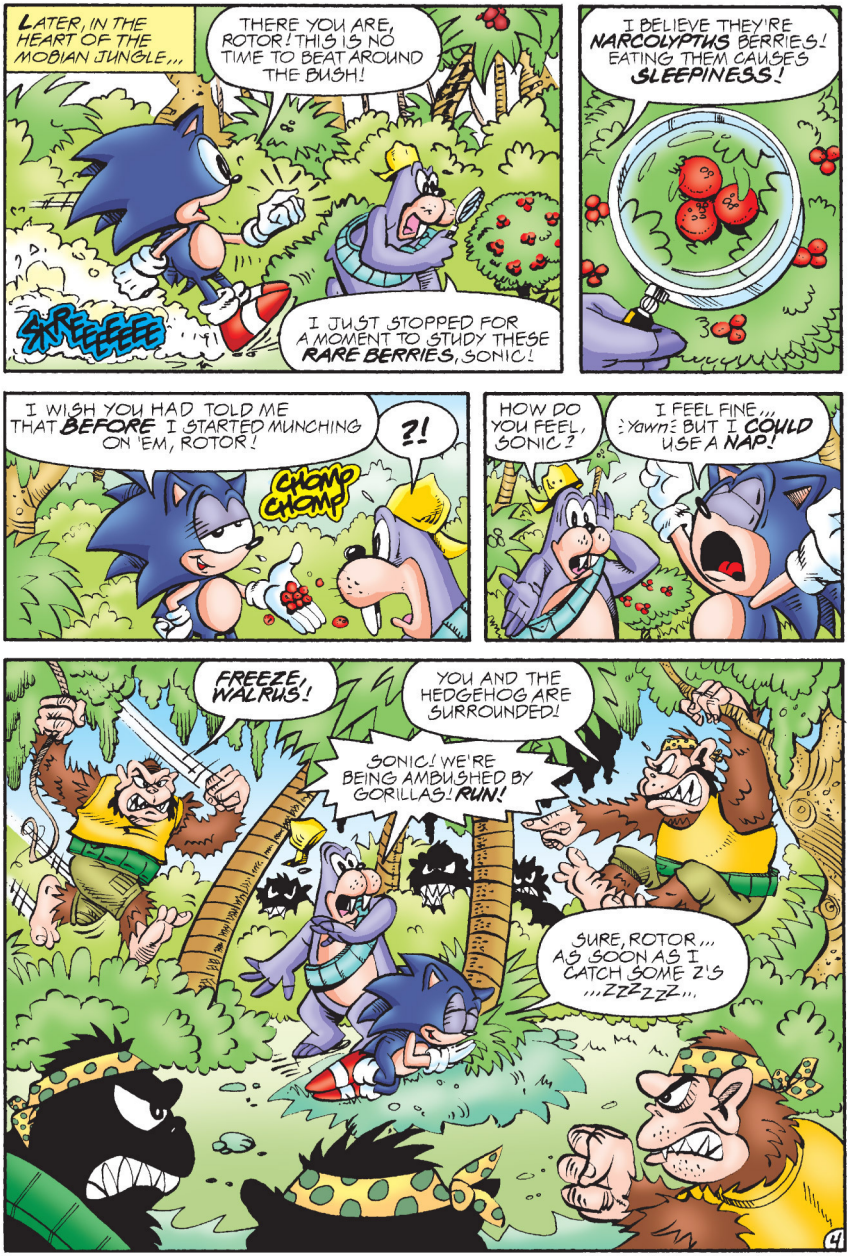
LATER, IN THE HEART OF THE MOBIAN JUNGLE...
THERE YOU ARE, ROTOR! THIS IS NO TIME TO BEAT AROUND THE BUSH!
SKREEEEEEE
I JUST STOPPED FOR A MOMENT TO STUDY THESE RARE BERRIES, SONIC!
I BELIEVE THEY'RE NARCOLYPTUS BERRIES! EATING THEM CAUSES SLEEPINESS!
I WISH YOU HAD TOLD ME THAT BEFORE I STARTED MUNCHING ON 'EM, ROTOR!
?!
CHOMP CHOMP
HOW DO YOU FEEL, SONIC?
I FEEL FINE... :Yawn: BUT I COULD USE A NAP!
FREEZE, WALRUS!
YOU AND THE HEDGEHOG ARE SURROUNDED!
SONIC! WE'RE BEING AMBUSHED BY GORILLAS! RUN!
SURE, ROTOR... AS SOON AS I CATCH SOME Z'S ...ZZZzzz...
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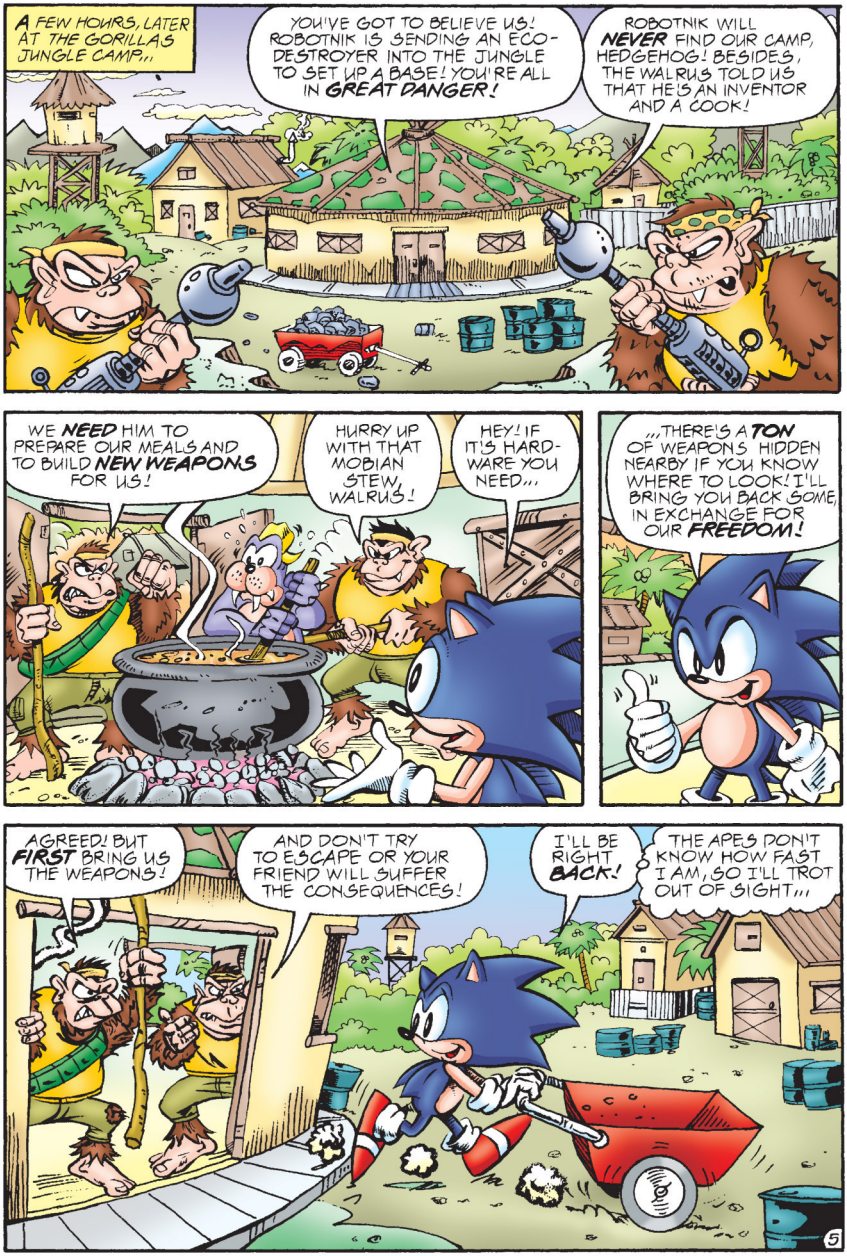
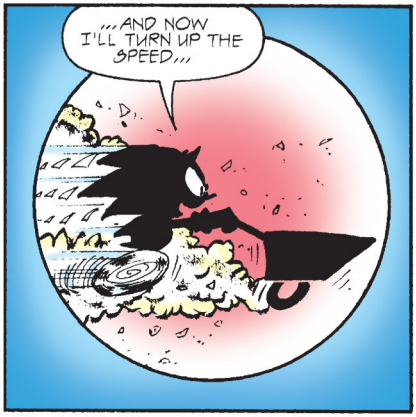
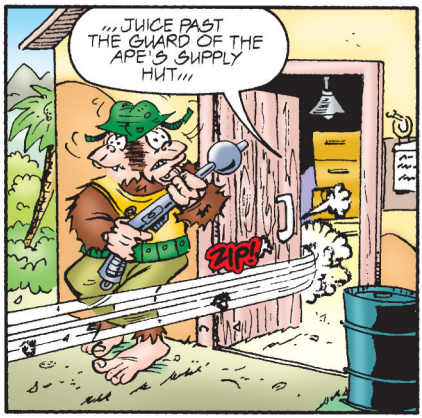
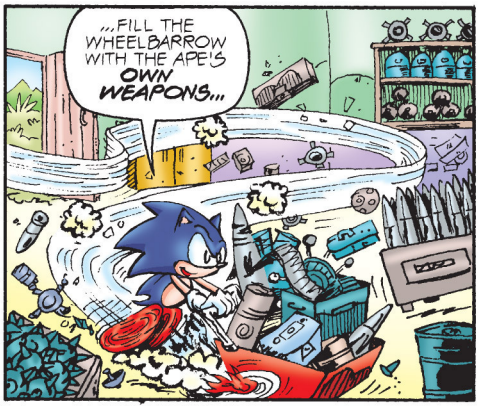
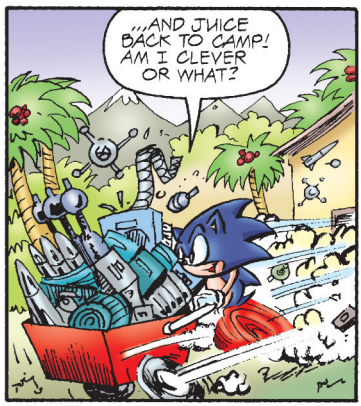
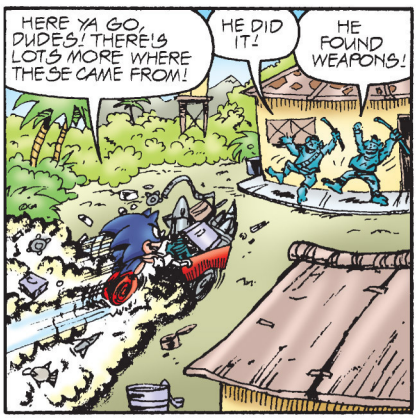

A FEW HOURS, LATER AT THE GORILLAS JUNGLE CAMP...
YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE US! ROBOTNIK IS SENDING AN ECO-DESTROYER INTO THE JUNGLE TO SET UP A BASE! YOU'RE ALL IN GREAT DANGER!
ROBOTNIK WILL NEVER FIND OUR CAMP, HEDGEHOG! BESIDES, THE WALRUS TOLD US THAT HE'S AN INVENTOR AND A COOK!
WE NEED HIM TO PREPARE OUR MEALS AND TO BUILD NEW WEAPONS FOR US!
HURRY UP WITH THAT MOBIAN STEW, WALRUS!
HEY! IF IT'S HARD-WARE YOU NEED...
...THERE'S A TON OF WEAPONS HIDDEN NEARBY IF YOU KNOW WHERE TO LOOK! I'LL BRING YOU BACK SOME, IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR FREEDOM!
AGREED! BUT FIRST BRING US THE WEAPONS!
AND DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE OR YOUR FRIEND WILL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
THE APES DON'T KNOW HOW FAST I AM, SO I'LL TROT OUT OF SIGHT...


...AND NOW I'LL TURN UP THE SPEED...

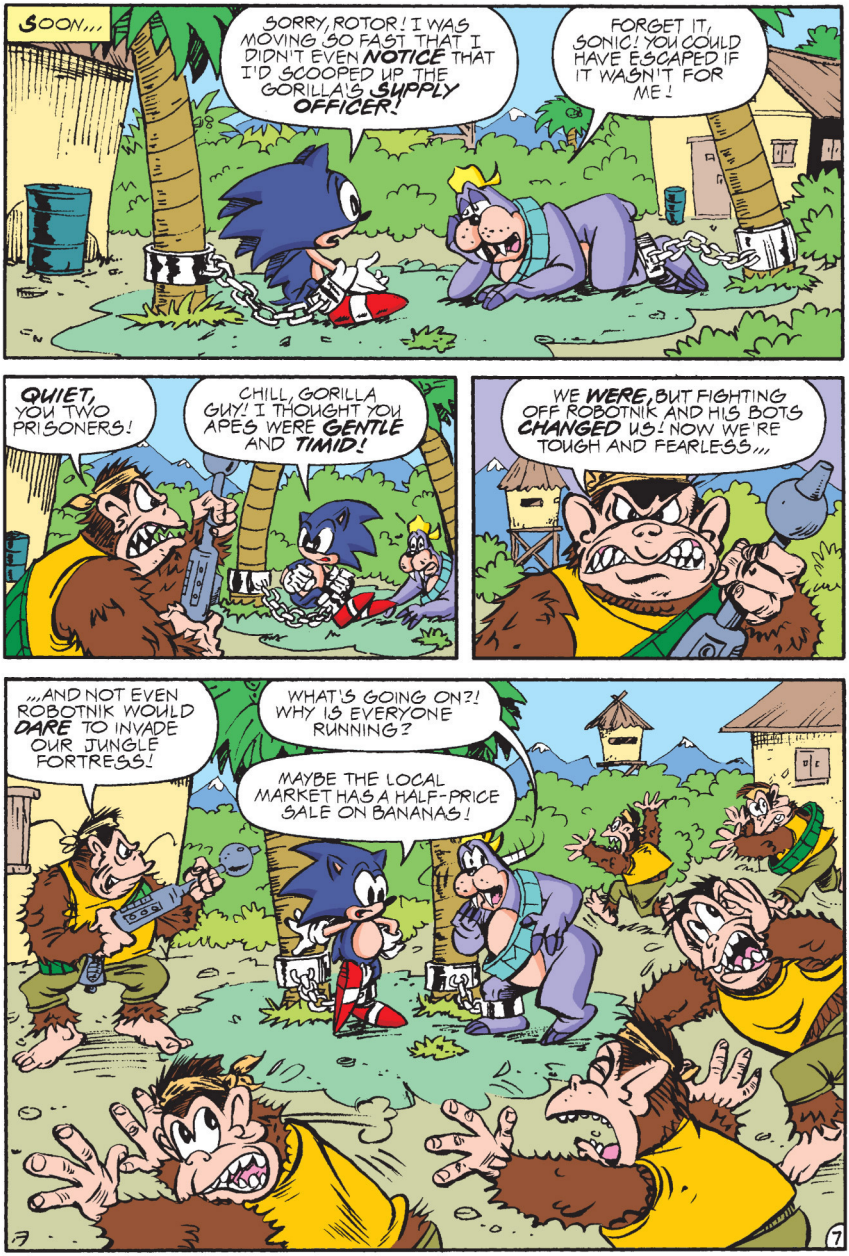

...JUICE PAST THE GUARD OF THE APE'S SUPPLY HUT...
ZAP!


...FILL THE WHEELBARROW WITH THE APE'S OWN WEAPONS...

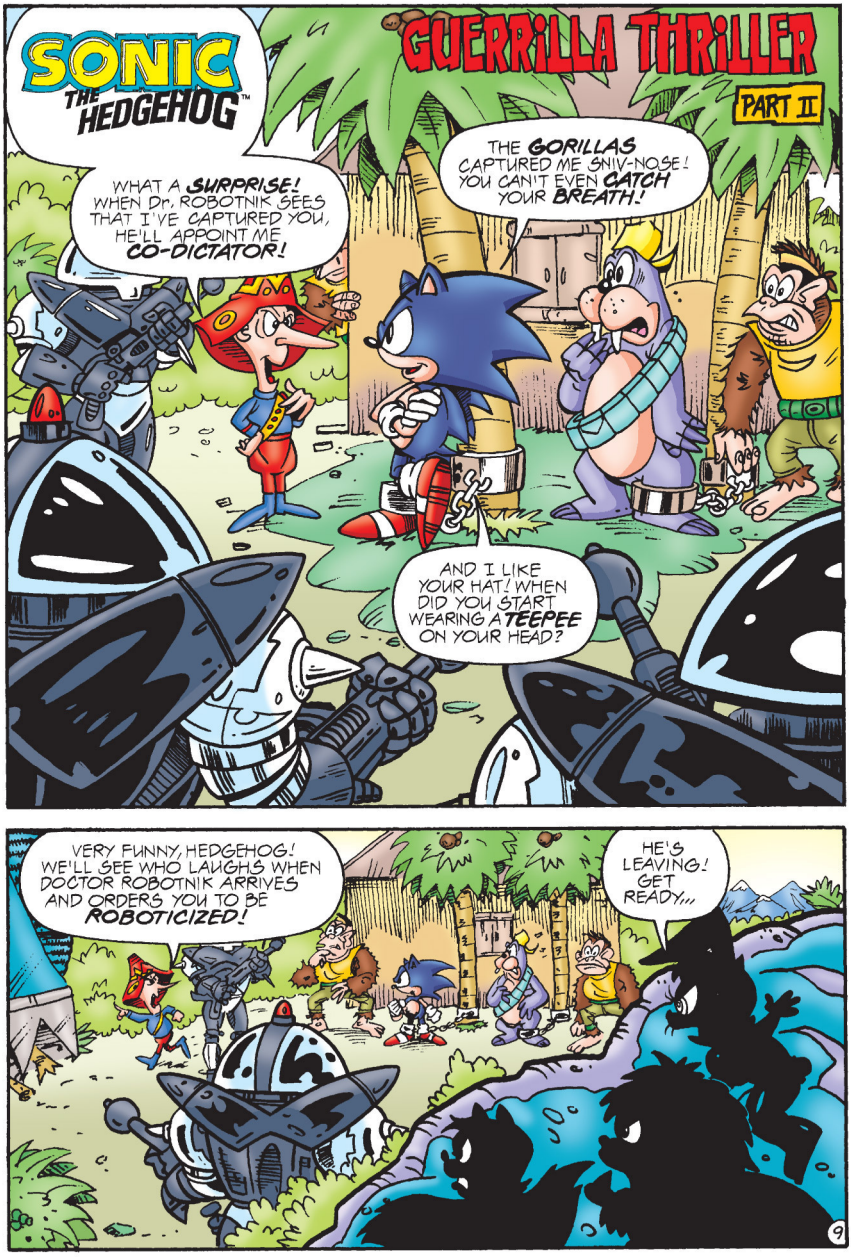

...AND JUICE BACK TO CAMP! AM I CLEVER OR WHAT?


HERE YA GO, DUDES! THERE'S LOTS MORE WHERE THESE CAME FROM!
HE DID IT!
HE FOUND WEAPONS!

HEY! WHO THREW ME IN HERE?!
POP!


SOON...
SORRY, ROTOR! I WAS MOVING SO FAST THAT I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THAT I'D SCOOPED UP THE GORILLA'S SUPPLY OFFICER!
FORGET IT, SONIC! YOU COULD HAVE ESCAPED IF IT WASN'T FOR ME!
QUIET, YOU TWO PRISONERS!
CHILL, GORILLA GUY! I THOUGHT YOU APES WERE GENTLE AND TIMID!
WE WERE, BUT FIGHTING OFF ROBOTNIK AND HIS BOTS CHANGED US! NOW WE'RE TOUGH AND FEARLESS...
...AND NOT EVEN ROBOTNIK WOULD DARE TO INVADE OUR JUNGLE FORTRESS!
WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHY IS EVERYONE RUNNING?
MAYBE THE LOCAL MARKET HAS A HALF-PRICE SALE ON BANANAS!

SONIC, LOOK!
I CLAIM THIS JUNGLE IN THE NAME OF DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK, AND I ORDER YOU TO SURRENDER...
...OR THE REST OF YOUR CAMP WILL BE OBLITERATED!
END OF PART I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WHAT A SURPRISE! WHEN Dr. ROBOTNIK SEES THAT I'VE CAPTURED YOU, HE'LL APPOINT ME CO-DICTATOR!
THE GORILLAS CAPTURED ME SNIV-NOSE! YOU CAN'T EVEN CATCH YOUR BREATH!
AND I LIKE YOUR HAT! WHEN DID YOU START WEARING A TEEPEE ON YOUR HEAD?
VERY FUNNY, HEDGEHOG! WE'LL SEE WHO LAUGHS WHEN DOCTOR ROBOTNIK ARRIVES AND ORDERS YOU TO BE ROBOTICIZED!
HE'S LEAVING! GET READY...
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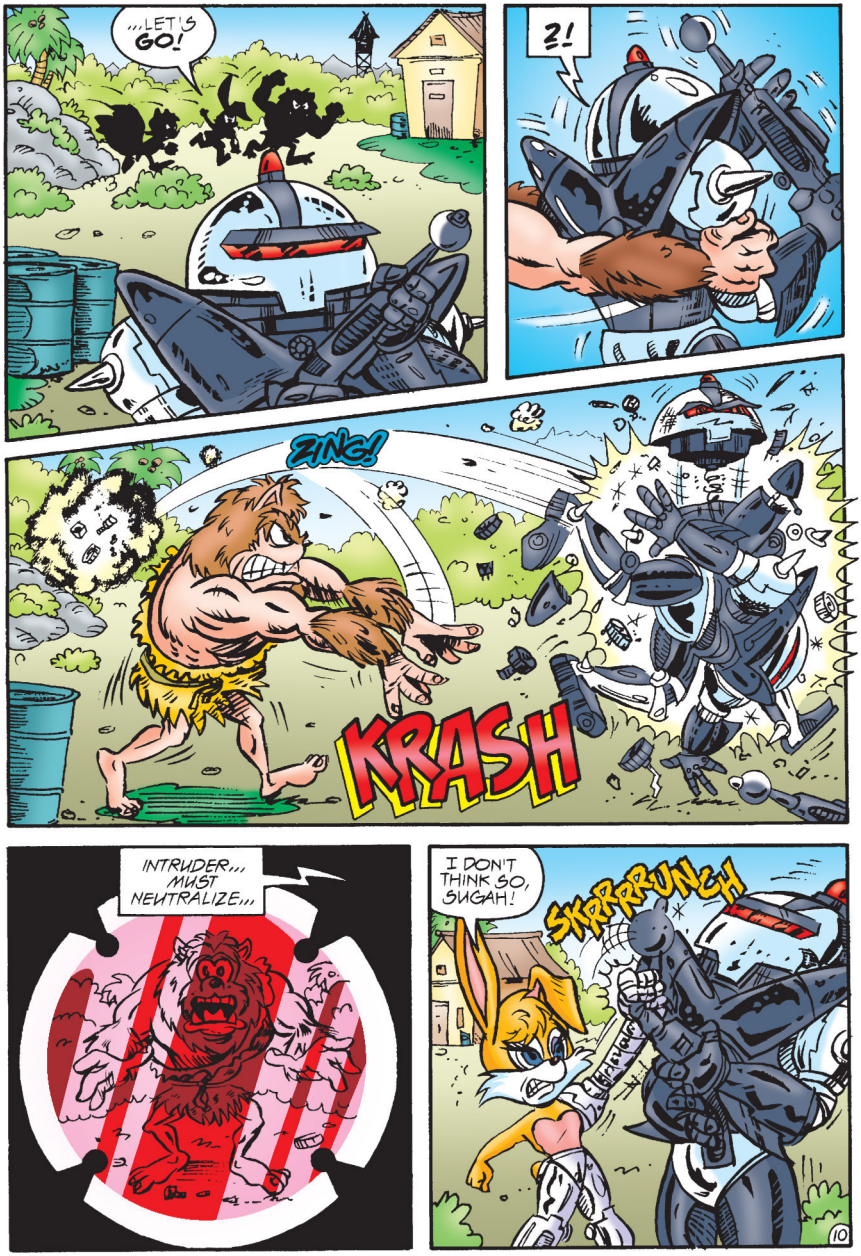
...LET'S GO!
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ZING!
KRASH
INTRUDER... MUST NEUTRALIZE...
I DON'T THINK SO, SUGAH!
SKRRRUNCH
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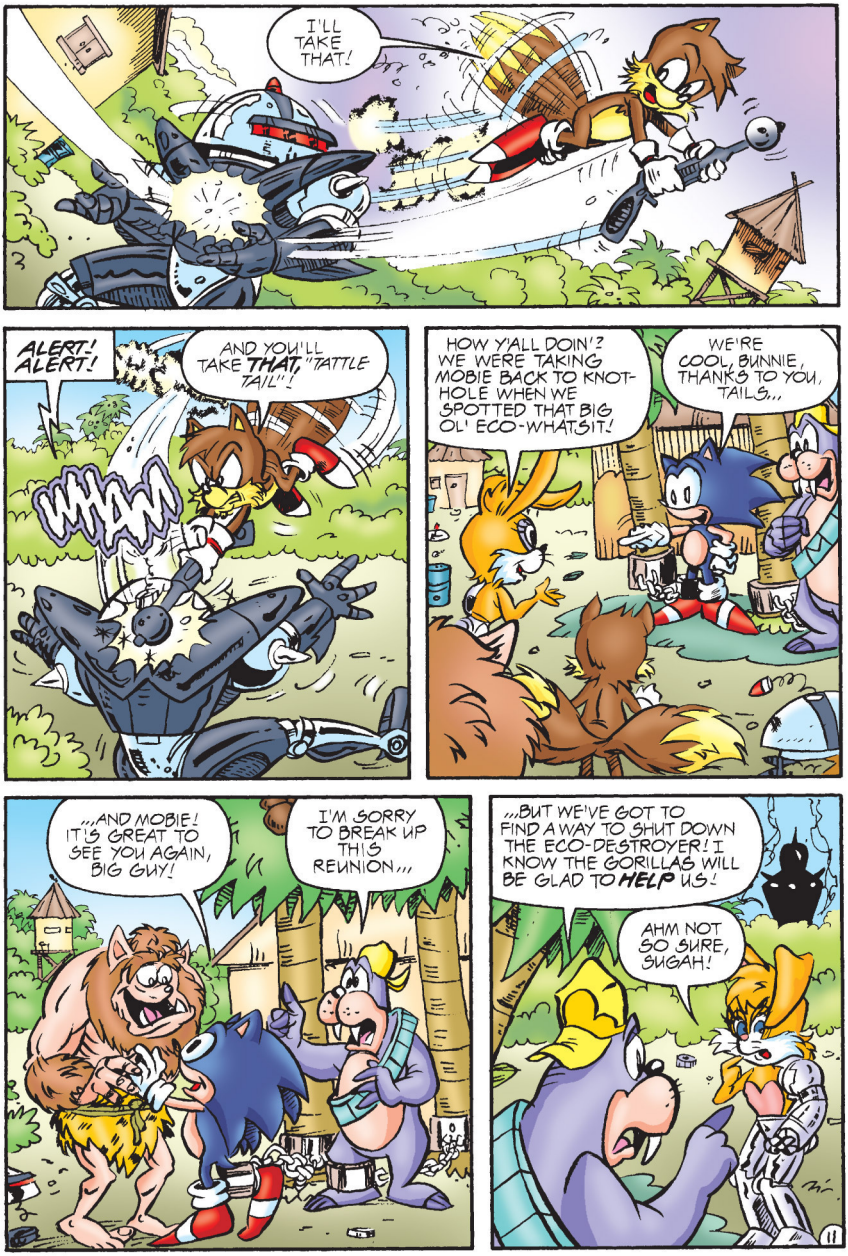
I'LL TAKE THAT!
ALERT! ALERT!
AND YOU'LL TAKE THAT, "TATTLE TAIL"!
WHAM
HOW Y'ALL DOIN'? WE WERE TAKING MOBIE BACK TO KNOT-HOLE WHEN WE SPOTTED THAT BIG OL' ECO-WHATSIT!
WE'RE COOL, BUNNIE, THANKS TO YOU, TAILS...
...AND MOBIE! IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN, BIG GUY!
I'M SORRY TO BREAK UP THIS REUNION...
...BUT WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO SHUT DOWN THE ECO-DESTROYER! I KNOW THE GORILLAS WILL BE GLAD TO HELP US!
AHM NOT SO SURE, SUGAH!

YOU'LL BE DISTURBING THEIR BEAUTY *REST!*
YEAH, AND THEY *NEED* IT!
ZZZ
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THEY'RE ALL *ASLEEP!* HOW'D *THAT* HAPPEN?!
I'M AFRAID *I* CAUSED IT, SONIC!
I ADDED NARCOLYPTUS BERRIES TO THEIR MOBIAN STEW! I WANTED TO PUT THEM TO SLEEP SO THAT WE COULD ESCAPE!
SNAP!
THANKS, MOBIE! NOW THAT I'M *FREE* WE WON'T *NEED* ANY HELP!
SOMEDAY, YOU GOTTA TEACH ME HOW TO DO THAT!
SOON...
IF I CAN GET INSIDE THIS OVER-SIZED VACUUM CLEANER FOR *HALF A MINUTE*, I CAN DO A *LOT* OF *SERIOUS DAMAGE!*
BUT, SONIC, IF SNIVELY TURNS IT ON, YOU'LL BE *DESTROYED!*
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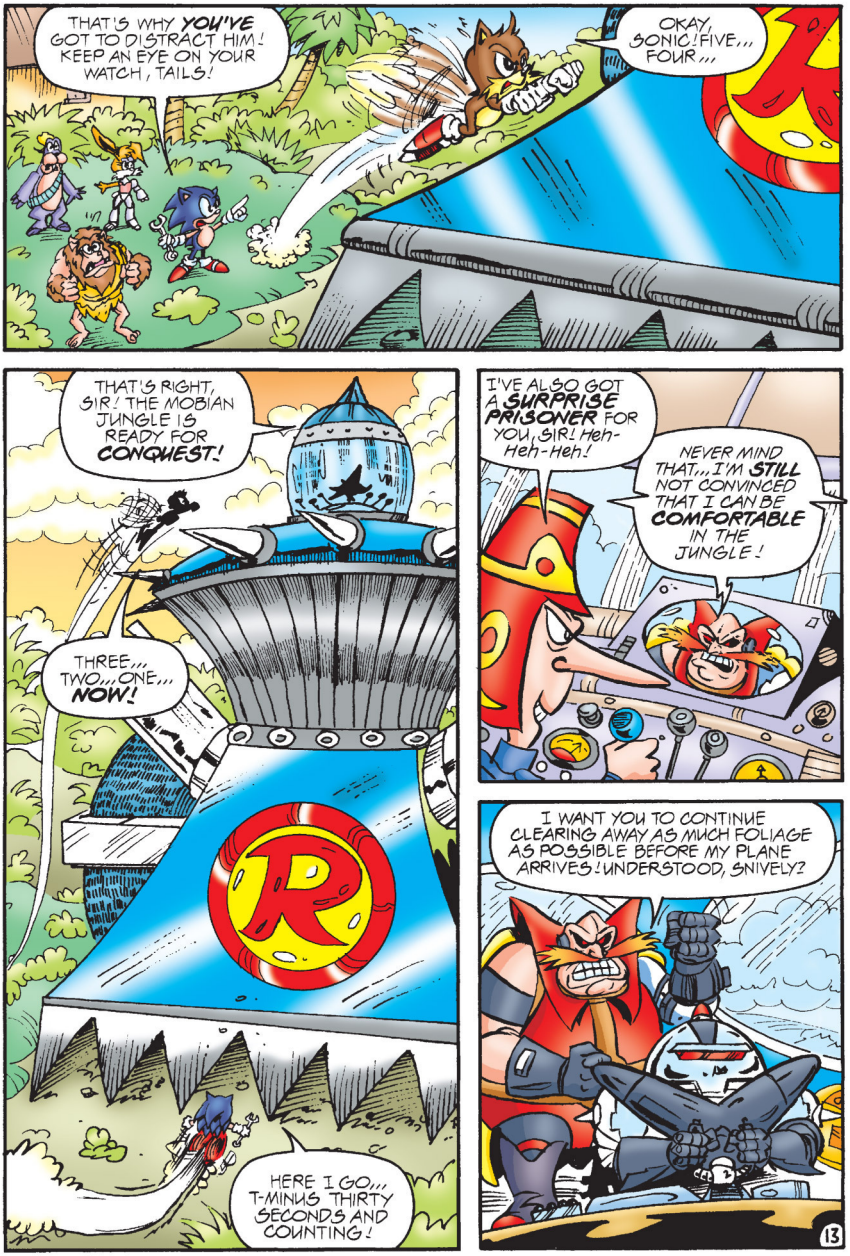
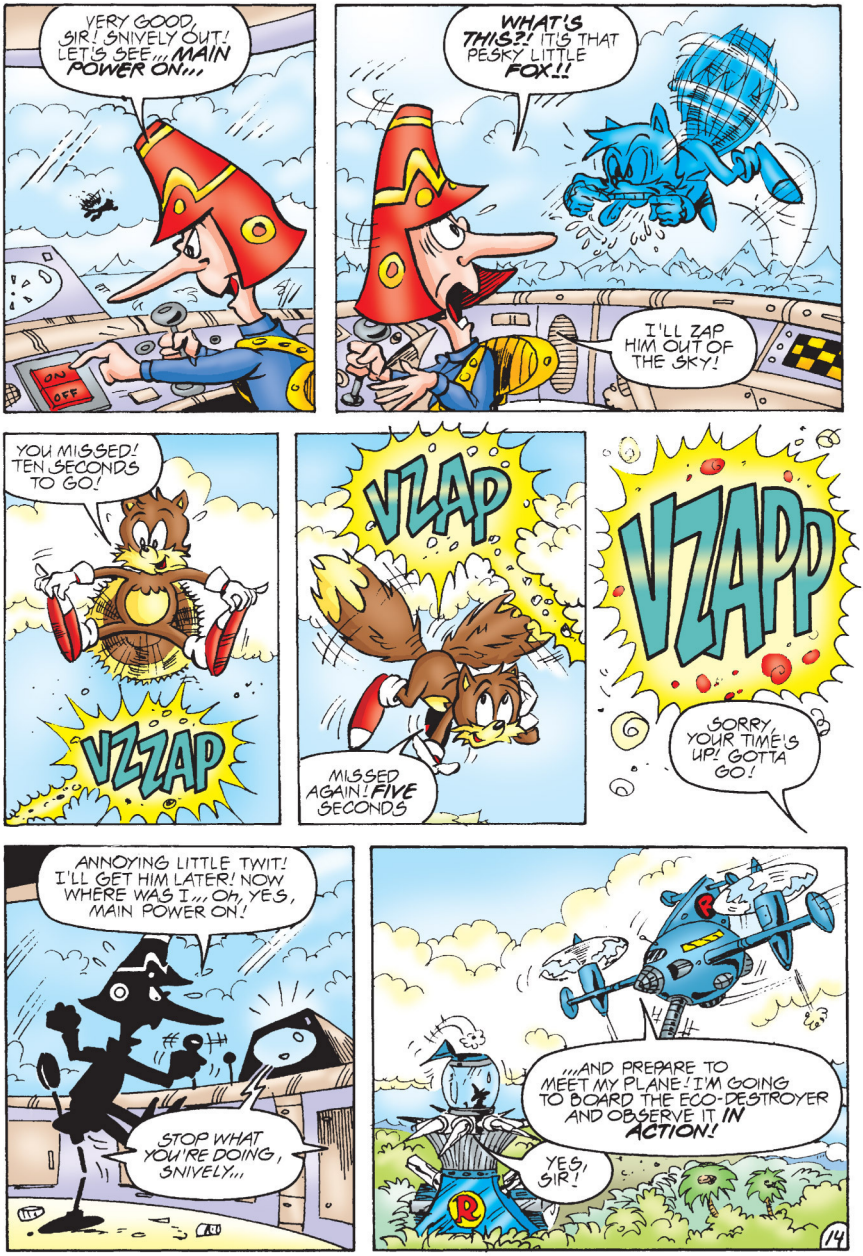

THAT'S WHY YOU'VE GOT TO DISTRACT HIM! KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR WATCH, TAILS!
OKAY, SONIC! FIVE,,, FOUR,,,
THAT'S RIGHT, SIR! THE MOBIAN JUNGLE IS READY FOR CONQUEST!
THREE,,, TWO,,, ONE,,, NOW!
HERE I GO,,, T-MINUS THIRTY SECONDS AND COUNTING!
I'VE ALSO GOT A SURPRISE PRISONER FOR YOU, SIR! Heh-Heh-Heh!
NEVER MIND THAT,,, I'M STILL NOT CONVINCED THAT I CAN BE COMFORTABLE IN THE JUNGLE!
I WANT YOU TO CONTINUE CLEARING AWAY AS MUCH FOLIAGE AS POSSIBLE BEFORE MY PLANE ARRIVES! UNDERSTOOD, SNIVELY?


VERY GOOD, SIR! SNIVELY OUT! LET'S SEE... MAIN POWER ON...
ON
OFF
WHAT'S THIS?! IT'S THAT PESKY LITTLE FOX!!
I'LL ZAP HIM OUT OF THE SKY!
YOU MISSED! TEN SECONDS TO GO!
VZZAP
VZAP
MISSED AGAIN! FIVE SECONDS
VZAPP
SORRY, YOUR TIME'S UP! GOTTA GO!
ANNOYING LITTLE TWIT! I'LL GET HIM LATER! NOW WHERE WAS I... Oh, YES, MAIN POWER ON!
STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING, SNIVELY...
...AND PREPARE TO MEET MY PLANE! I'M GOING TO BOARD THE ECO-DESTROYER AND OBSERVE IT IN ACTION!
YES, SIR!
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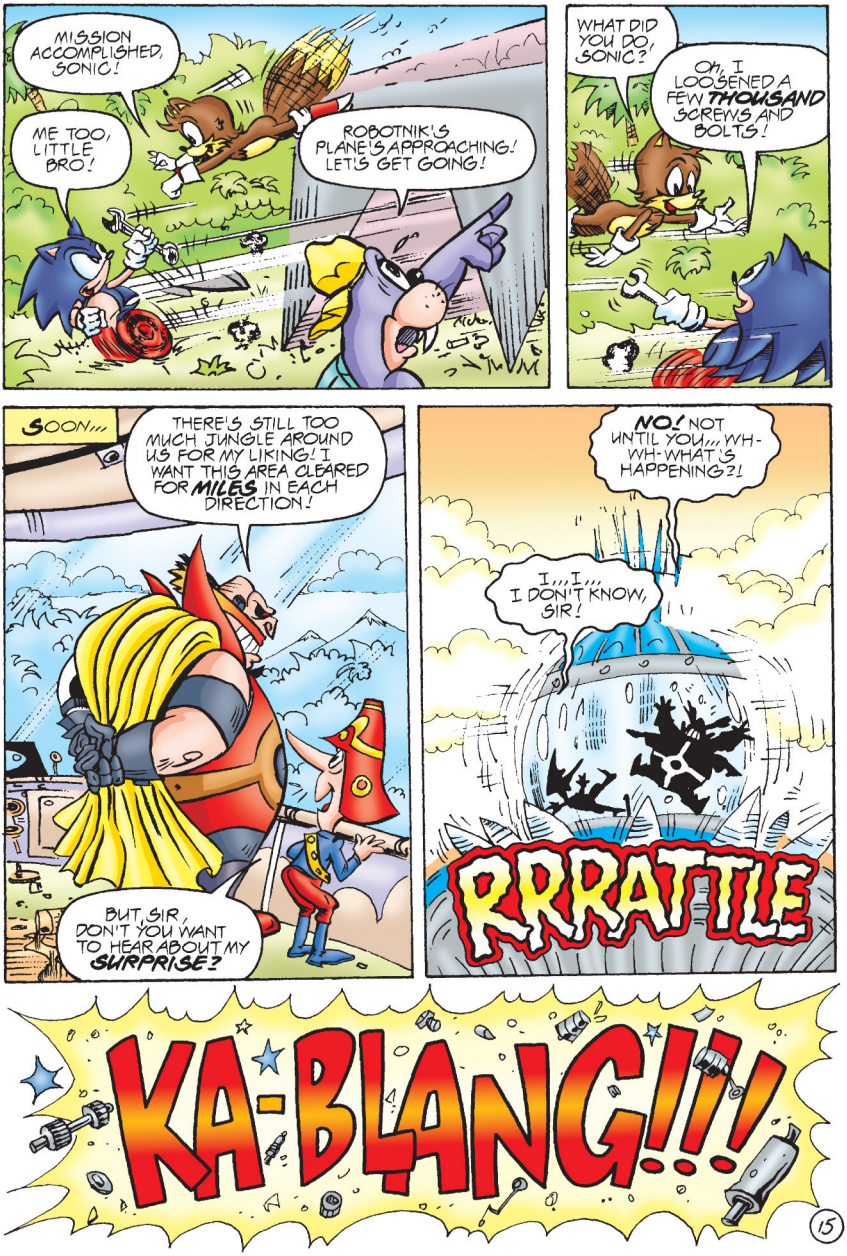
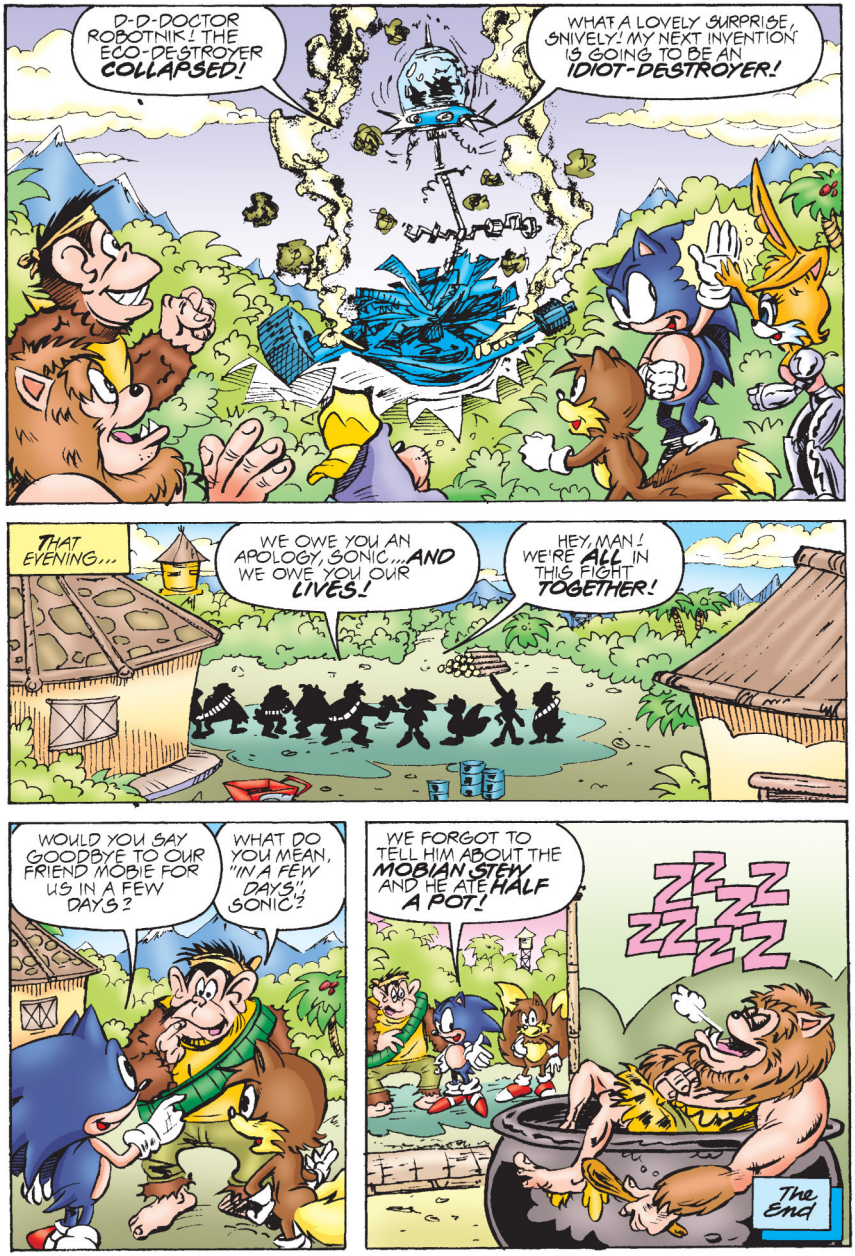
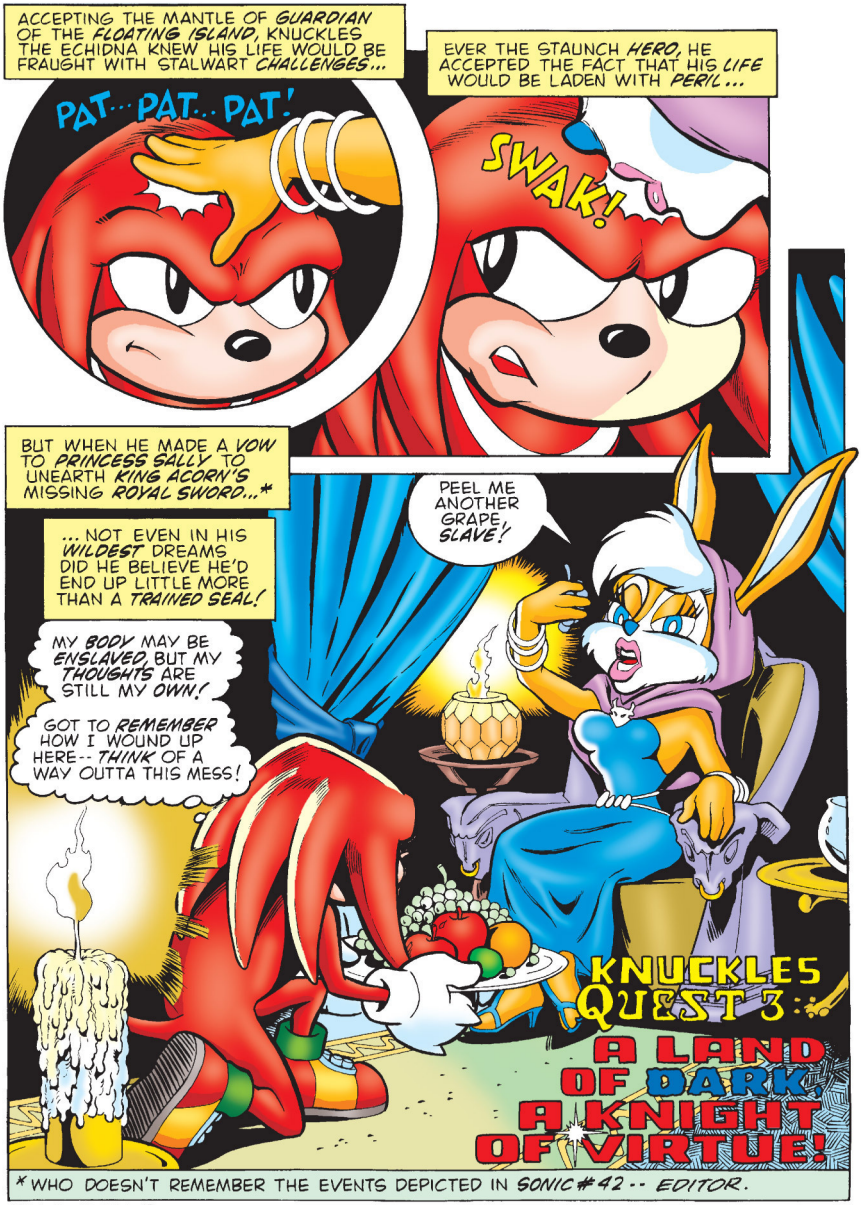

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, SONIC!
ME TOO, LITTLE BRO!
ROBOTNIK'S PLANE'S APPROACHING! LET'S GET GOING!
WHAT DID YOU DO, SONIC?
OH, I LOOSENED A FEW THOUSAND SCREWS AND BOLTS!
SOON...
THERE'S STILL TOO MUCH JUNGLE AROUND US FOR MY LIKING! I WANT THIS AREA CLEARED FOR MILES IN EACH DIRECTION!
BUT, SIR, DON'T YOU WANT TO HEAR ABOUT MY SURPRISE?
NO! NOT UNTIL YOU... WH-WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
I... I... I DON'T KNOW, SIR!
RRRATTLE
KA-BLANG!!!


D-D-DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! THE ECO-DESTROYER COLLAPSED!
WHAT A LOVELY SURPRISE, SNIVELY! MY NEXT INVENTION IS GOING TO BE AN IDIOT-DESTROYER!
THAT EVENING...
WE OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, SONIC...AND WE OWE YOU OUR LIVES!
HEY, MAN! WE'RE ALL IN THIS FIGHT TOGETHER!
WOULD YOU SAY GOODBYE TO OUR FRIEND MOBIE FOR US IN A FEW DAYS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "IN A FEW DAYS," SONIC?
WE FORGOT TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE MOBIAN STEW AND HE ATE HALF A POT!
ZZZZZZZZ
The End


ACCEPTING THE MANTLE OF GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA KNEW HIS LIFE WOULD BE FRAUGHT WITH STALWART CHALLENGES...
PAT... PAT... PAT!
EVER THE STAUNCH HERO, HE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT HIS LIFE WOULD BE LADEN WITH PERIL...
SWAK!
BUT WHEN HE MADE A VOW TO PRINCESS SALLY TO UNEARTH KING ACORN'S MISSING ROYAL SWORD...*
... NOT EVEN IN HIS WILDEST DREAMS DID HE BELIEVE HE'D END UP LITTLE MORE THAN A TRAINED SEAL!
PEEL ME ANOTHER GRAPE, SLAVE!
MY BODY MAY BE ENSLAVED, BUT MY THOUGHTS ARE STILL MY OWN!
GOT TO REMEMBER HOW I WOUND UP HERE-- THINK OF A WAY OUTTA THIS MESS!
KNUCKLES QUEST 3:
A LAND OF DARK, A KNIGHT OF VIRTUE!

*WHO DOESN'T REMEMBER THE EVENTS DEPICTED IN SONIC #42 -- EDITOR.

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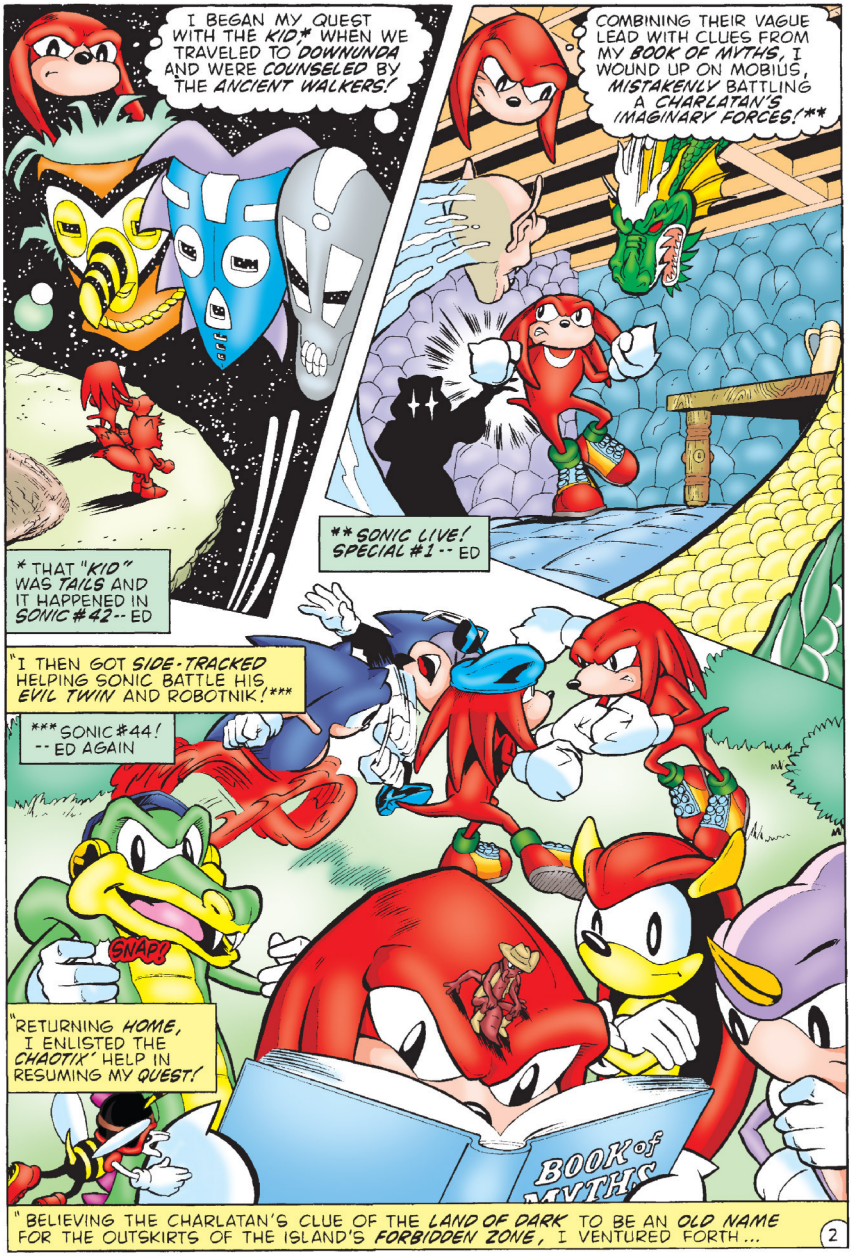
I BEGAN MY QUEST WITH THE KID* WHEN WE TRAVELED TO DOWNUNDA AND WERE COUNSELED BY THE ANCIENT WALKERS!
COMBINING THEIR VAGUE LEAD WITH CLUES FROM MY BOOK OF MYTHS, I WOUND UP ON MOBIUS, MISTAKENLY BATTLING A CHARLATAN'S IMAGINARY FORCES!**
* THAT "KID" WAS TAILS AND IT HAPPENED IN SONIC #42 -- ED
** SONIC LIVE! SPECIAL #1 -- ED
"I THEN GOT SIDE-TRACKED HELPING SONIC BATTLE HIS EVIL TWIN AND ROBOTNIK!***
*** SONIC #44! -- ED AGAIN
SNAP!
"RETURNING HOME, I ENLISTED THE CHAOTIX' HELP IN RESUMING MY QUEST!
BOOK of MYTHS
" BELIEVING THE CHARLATAN'S CLUE OF THE LAND OF DARK TO BE AN OLD NAME FOR THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE ISLAND'S FORBIDDEN ZONE, I VENTURED FORTH ...

"...AND IN A LITTLE KNOWN, SUPPOSEDLY UNINHABITED REGION, I WAS ATTACKED BY TWO BEINGS!
CONSIDERING THE ANCIENT WALKERS' WARNINGS, AND THE WAY THEY DOUBLE-TEAMED ME, I KNEW THEY MUST BE...
"DODGING HIS BLASTS LEFT ME WIDE OPEN-- WITH ONE LOOK, SHE CONTROLLED MY WILL!"
POOF!
BAMF!
THE SORCEROR! AND THE ENCHANTRESS!
NOW I'M THEIR SERVANT, THE FIRST OF THEIR UNWILLING ARMY, UNLESS I--
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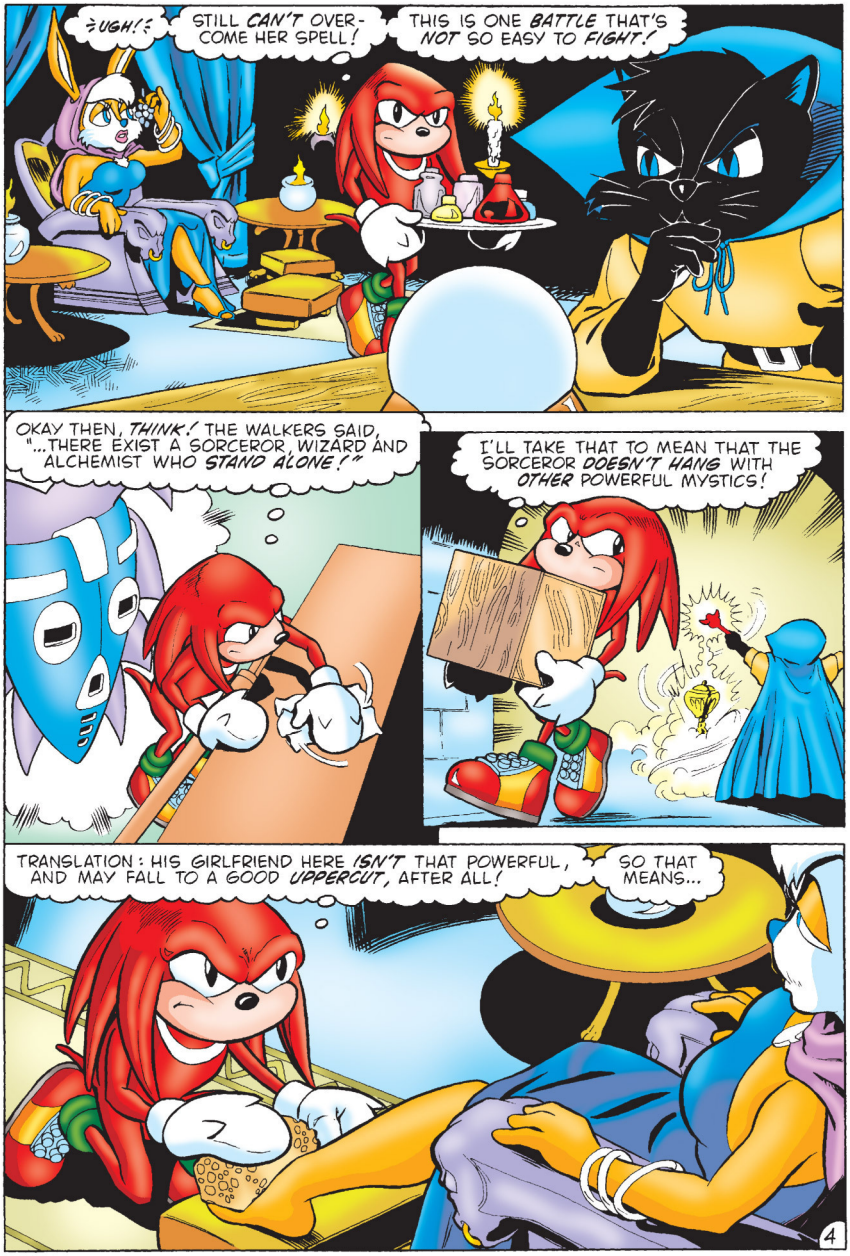
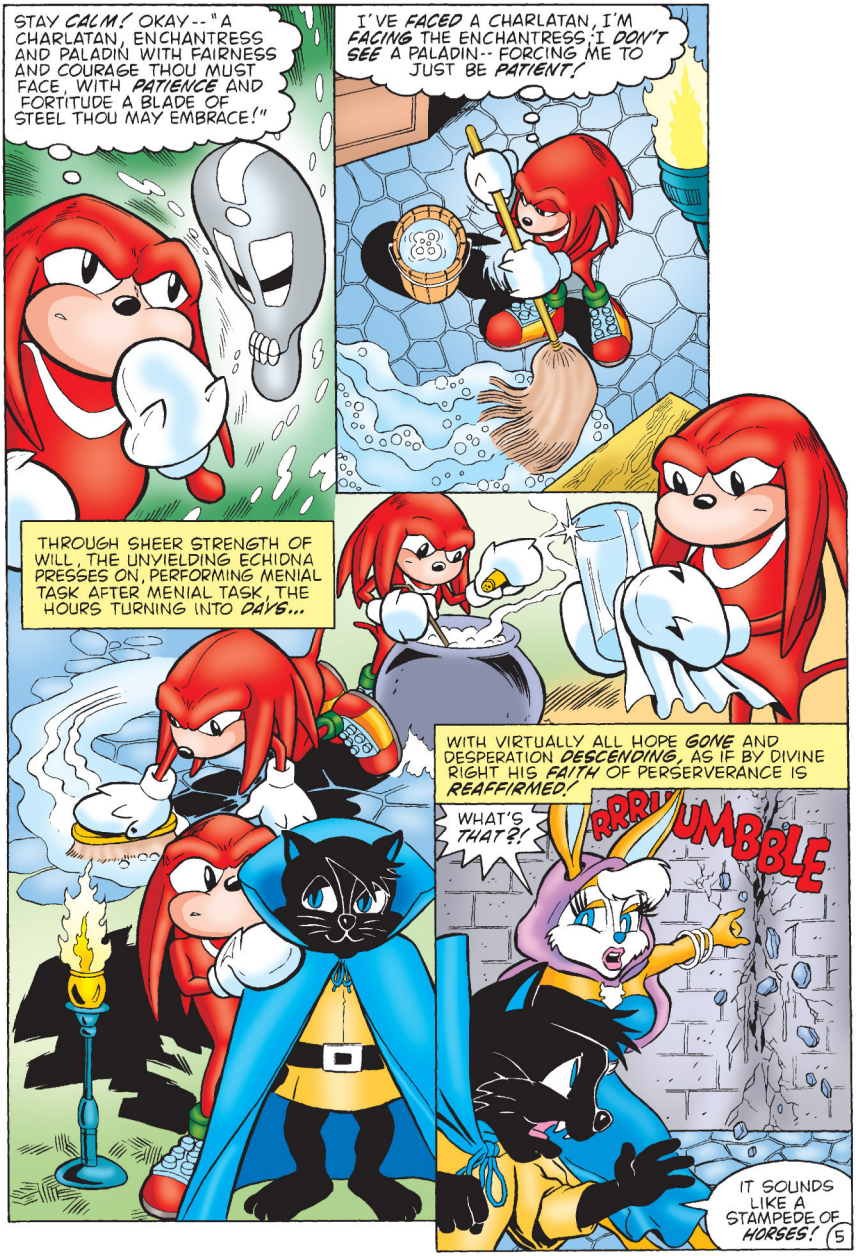

:UGH!:
STILL CAN'T OVER-COME HER SPELL!
THIS IS ONE BATTLE THAT'S NOT SO EASY TO FIGHT!
OKAY THEN, THINK! THE WALKERS SAID, "...THERE EXIST A SORCEROR, WIZARD AND ALCHEMIST WHO STAND ALONE!"
I'LL TAKE THAT TO MEAN THAT THE SORCEROR DOESN'T HANG WITH OTHER POWERFUL MYSTICS!
TRANSLATION: HIS GIRLFRIEND HERE ISN'T THAT POWERFUL, AND MAY FALL TO A GOOD UPPERCUT, AFTER ALL!
SO THAT MEANS...


STAY CALM! OKAY--"A CHARLATAN, ENCHANTRESS AND PALADIN WITH FAIRNESS AND COURAGE THOU MUST FACE, WITH PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE A BLADE OF STEEL THOU MAY EMBRACE!"
I'VE FACED A CHARLATAN, I'M FACING THE ENCHANTRESS, I DON'T SEE A PALADIN-- FORCING ME TO JUST BE PATIENT!
THROUGH SHEER STRENGTH OF WILL, THE UNYIELDING ECHIDNA PRESSES ON, PERFORMING MENIAL TASK AFTER MENIAL TASK, THE HOURS TURNING INTO DAYS...
WITH VIRTUALLY ALL HOPE GONE AND DESPERATION DESCENDING, AS IF BY DIVINE RIGHT HIS FAITH OF PERSERVERANCE IS REAFFIRMED!
WHAT'S THAT?!
RRRRUMBBLE
IT SOUNDS LIKE A STAMPEDE OF HORSES!

WHAT HO', VARLETS! DID YOU THINK TO FOREVER ESCAPE THE JUDGEMENT OF SIR CONNERY, THE MIGHTY CRUSADER!
OR THAT THIS EVIL WITCH'S GAZE COULD OVERCOME MY SWORD OF JUSTICE?!
SKA-RASH!
BEWARE! IT IS THAT FANATICAL PALADIN!
THE WAITING GAME PAID OFF! I'M FREE!
THIS GUY'S ONSLAUGHT DISTRACTED THE ENCHANTRESS, BREAKING HER MENTAL MUZZLE!
NOW IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR--
ACTION CITY!!
BOY, DOES THIS FEEL GOOD!
WHAM!
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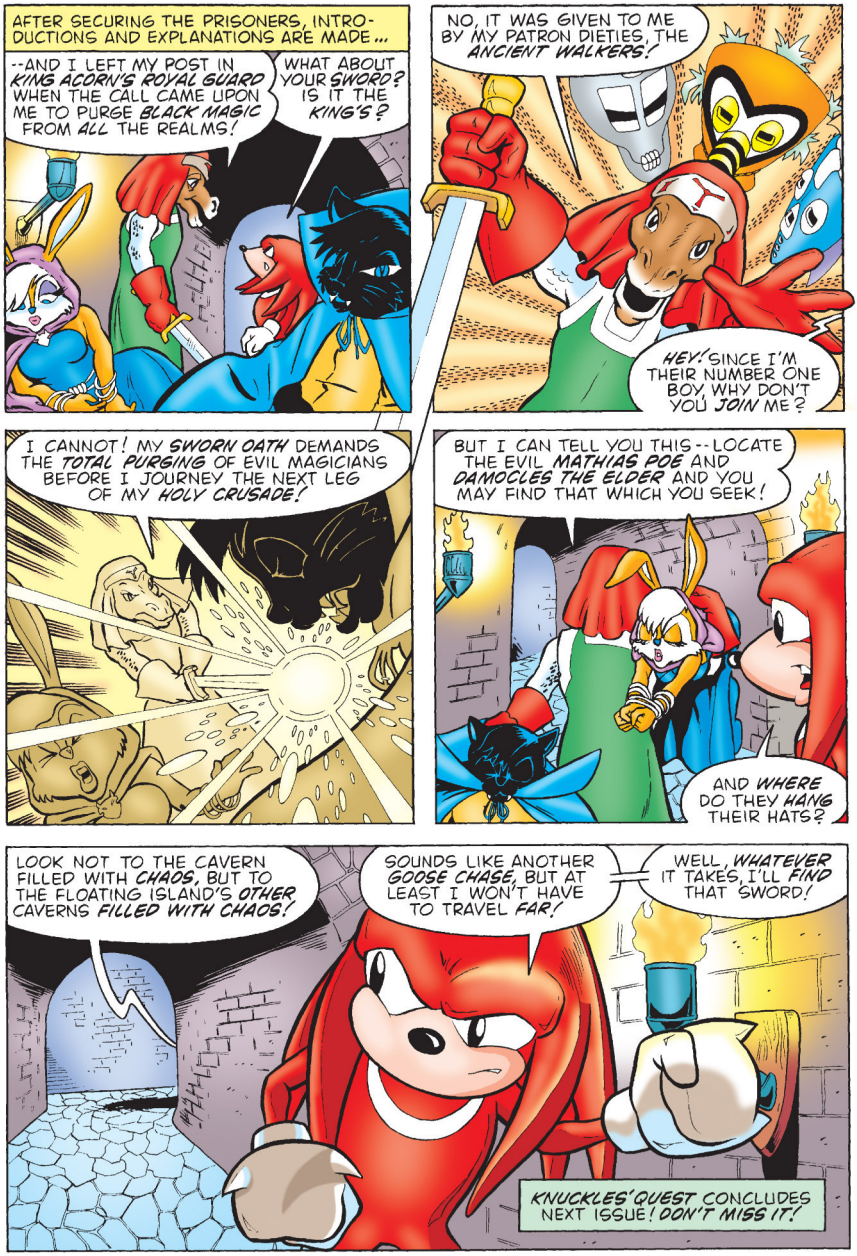
YOU DARE TO PIT PHYSICAL MIGHT AGAINST THE SORCERESS POWER OF BLACK DEATH?!
KAZARK!
TIME TO USE MY NOODLE AGAIN, AND I THINK I KNOW HOW!
YOU SEEK TO ESCAPE WITH MY OWN TALISMAN?
NOPE! MAKING SURE SURE YOU DON'T USE THESE THINGS AGAINST ME!
WITNESS ECHIDNA MAGIC AND SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR TOYS!
SHAHELA-ZUMBEE--
--TO THE LAND OF GUMMBEE! POOF!
WA-VHUMP
IMPOSSIBLE!
HOW'S THAT FOR A LITTLE SLEIGHT OF HAND TO DIVERT YOU FROM THE STAB OF THE JAB?!
POW!


AFTER SECURING THE PRISONERS, INTRODUCTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS ARE MADE...
--AND I LEFT MY POST IN KING ACORN'S ROYAL GUARD WHEN THE CALL CAME UPON ME TO PURGE BLACK MAGIC FROM ALL THE REALMS!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR SWORD? IS IT THE KING'S?
NO, IT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY MY PATRON DIETIES, THE ANCIENT WALKERS!
HEY! SINCE I'M THEIR NUMBER ONE BOY, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME?
I CANNOT! MY SWORN OATH DEMANDS THE TOTAL PURGING OF EVIL MAGICIANS BEFORE I JOURNEY THE NEXT LEG OF MY HOLY CRUSADE!
BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS--LOCATE THE EVIL MATHIAS POE AND DAMOCLES THE ELDER AND YOU MAY FIND THAT WHICH YOU SEEK!
AND WHERE DO THEY HANG THEIR HATS?
LOOK NOT TO THE CAVERN FILLED WITH CHAOS, BUT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND'S OTHER CAVERNS FILLED WITH CHAOS!
SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER GOOSE CHASE, BUT AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR!
WELL, WHATEVER IT TAKES, I'LL FIND THAT SWORD!
KNUCKLES' QUEST CONCLUDES NEXT ISSUE! DON'T MISS IT!